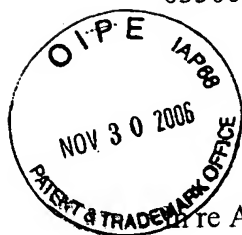


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents, other than U.S. patent documents, are enclosed.

Japan 2001-522998 and Japan 2001-511361 were cited in the International Search Report and/or Written Opinion which issued in the corresponding international application. A copy of the International Search Report and a copy of the Written Opinion are enclosed.

Japan 11-187900 is discussed at page 1 of the specification.

U.S. Patent No. 5,922,617 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 2001-522998, U.S. Patent No. 6,248,521 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 2001-511361, and U.S. Patent No. 6,476,215 is believed to be in the same patent family as Japan 11-187900.

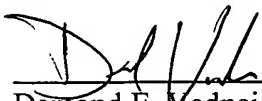
An English-language abstract for each of the Japanese documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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